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TUCUMCARI WINS FIRST TWO LEAGUE GAMES

The opening games of the league season were played at the opera house last Friday night when the girls and boys teams from Las Vegas played the local high school teams.

The girls game was the first on the program and the visitors were outclassed in the first half the score being 21 to 5. The second half a new line-up was tried out but it proved that the first was much the stronger. The visiting team made 12 points to the locals 13. The total score was 34 to 17 in favor of Tucumcari.

The boys' teams were more evenly matched, not in size, but the local boys had been coached to strictly adhere to the rules, thus they were somewhat handicapped by the furious playing of the smaller team from Vegas. The visitors were penalized time after time, but they used tactics more like football and were allowed to proceed in this manner during the last half. The spectators were given their money's worth as the pace set by the visitors was fast and furious, but the local boys are good athletes and stood off the charges of the opposing team, finally winning out by two points, the score standing 25 to 23.

The visiting team had some disadvantage because of the fact they had driven many miles during the day in order to be here for the game that night. Shortly after passing Montoya some of the cars ran out of gasoline and were compelled to go back for the necessary fuel. After arriving here late they were tired and hungry therefore the commencing of the first game was about an hour behind that advertised.

Tucumcari boys team did not play up to their usual standard partly because they had too much confidence in themselves. Wharton succeeded in putting the ball in the basket nearly every opportunity on the free throws during the first half, but during the second made several misses. Teamwork, one of the assets of a first-class team was missing and too much individuality was attempted. The players have repented for this bad showing and expect to practice more teamwork and the fans may well expect to see a different class of basketball in the next game when Albuquerque play here.

It is said that nearly every man (or boy) on the Santa Rosa team is over six feet high, with the possible exception of one extra small fellow. They defeated Las Vegas by three scores Saturday. This makes it appear as though this team will put up a good game when it plays here.

LAS VEGAS HIGHS LOST BOTH GAMES

From the Las Vegas Optic: A telephone report from Tucumcari to The Optic this morning brought the news that Las Vegas High school basketball teams lost to Tucumcari High last night, the score in the girls' contest being 34 to 17 and that in the boys' game 25 to 23. The boys' game was the fastest exhibition of basketball ever seen in Tucumcari. The two teams were tied at 23 and up until the last few seconds of play, when the Tucumcari basketballers caged a field goal, for two points. The Las Vegas boys surprised the Tucumcari lads at the opening of the game with their swift attack, but the latter came back at them when they realized what was expected.

The Las Vegas girls apparently were unable to compete successfully with the Tucumcari damsels, though the arrival home of the Meadow City bloomers is awaited to bring the details of the game. The Las Vegas teams left this morning for Santa Rosa where they will play the high school teams of that city tonight. They will return home tomorrow.

Yesterday's games were the opening contests in the Northern New Mexico Basketball league. While the High school boys did not win they demonstrated that they can play basketball successfully, and doubtless they will be in the running for the pennant.

While Tucumcari's victory is not disparaged, supporters of the Highs say it was due to a bit of luck that might have poised upon the banner of either team. Next time the Highs hope to have the rabbit's foot in their own bosoms.

THREE CARS HEREFORDS

B. L. Harless received three cars of cattle Monday and will sell them out to the stock farmers in this county. They came from Willard. Two cars were filled with cows with calves while the other car contained dry cows.

AN INTERESTING SIGHT

The News editor had the pleasure of seeing a great long string of dressed turkeys hanging on the walls of the ware room now being used by the Goldenberg Co., in which to pick and prepare their poultry for shipment. There were 115 on the wall at one time and a number of barrels had already been packed. 200 were shipped one day to Los Angeles.

GIANT CATAWOMPUS KILLED

From the Cuervo Clipper: A Catawompus, a hideous animal rarely seen in North America, was overpowered and killed by a party of cowboys and hunters Thursday, in old Rattle Snake Canyon, back of Cuervo.

It was a terrific battle, during which high power guns, lariats and dogs were used to dispatch the monster. Its shrill, trumpet-like cries could have been heard for miles around.

The Catawompus was first sighted by a member of a party of trappers while running traps early in the morning. It was observed that something had been robbing the traps, and it was decided to keep sharp watch for the trap robber.

The monster resembles a crocodile, except that it has a long neck and a long, narrow head with a single sharp horn extending out of the crown. Its teeth are long and sharp, and its large brilliant eyes stand out on either side of its head not unlike those of a giraffe. Its legs are much longer than those of a crocodile, enabling it to travel at a rapid rate of speed, so fast that it would require a speedy horse to keep pace with it. Its tail is about eight feet long, tapering down to a sharp point at the end. Nearly two feet of the point of the tail is a hard bone-like substance, which is used by the animal as a weapon of offense and defense. Its four feet resemble those of a bear, the toes having long, sharp claws. The animal's back and sides are covered with circular, oval like plates of various sizes, not unlike an old Roman shield, from the center of which extends a spear-like point.

The monster measured twenty-one feet from tip of nose to tip of tail. Investigation showed that the monster inhabited a large cavern in the side of the mesa. The cavern was strewn with the bones of animals thought to have been those of coyotes. The fact that the Catawompus was feeding on a coyote when first discovered, gives rise to the belief the wolf is its natural prey.

A party engaged on a government geological survey purchased the carcass of the Catawompus and shipped it to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C.

This is the second Catawompus ever known to have been killed in North America. The first was killed by the late Capt. Edward Gardner at Lake Maxinkuckee, Indiana, in 1884.

SIX COUNTIES SHOW LOSSES

Santa Fe, Dec. 19.—The last of the 26 counties has sent in its school census. Six counties show losses. Roosevelt county shows a gain of 471, while Grant has a gain of 480. The greatest gain was in Dona Ana, which was 905 more than last year. Union was next with 482 gain. Curry has 364 in a total of 2,627; Quay 277 in a total of 3,848; Colfax 271 in a total of 5,142; Gualadalupe 249 in a total of 3,850; Lincoln 232 in a total of 2,651.

Rather remarkable are the gains in Quay, Curry, Union, Chaves, Roosevelt and Gualadalupe counties or the so-called eastern belt of dry farming counties. This gain has its political significance, for report has it that the newcomers into the eastern counties are practically all democrats.

While densely Spanish-American counties like San Miguel and Rio Arriba show gains of only 31 and 105 respectively, the so-called American counties show a much more rapid growth and the increase in Dona Ana county is said to be to a large extent through people from eastern states who have taken up lands under the irrigation project, although a few Mexican refugees help swell the total, which if the figures for this and last year's are correct, mean an increase in population of at least 4,000.

TUCUMCARI LOSES GAME

The Native Sons of California defeated the home boys composed wholly from the High School, by a score of 49 to 33, in the best and fastest basketball game ever played in Tucumcari.

The California team was composed of professionals and they could certainly play the game, but the High school boys made them go their limit the first half and surprised their opponents by their good playing. Jackson at center, outplayed his opponent and had it not been for the excellent team work after the ball was put into play the score would have been different. Wharton and Dixon as forwards, and Jacobs, Gentry and Shaff as the guards all did excellent work, but were too light to compete with this more experienced aggregation of ball tossers.

We understand that two of the players for the Native Sons were with the Kansas City Red Sox baseball team when it passed through here several weeks ago on its way to the coast.

Russell, Pratt, Bidwell, Teeter and Shenall, were the members of the Native Sons team and the latter made 28 of the visitors' points.

TABLE DECORATIONS

Women readers of The News will find some helpful suggestions about flower decorations for the dining table in the illustrated article which Eben Rexford has written for our "Home Beautiful" department this week. Flowers brighten a room and a pleasant dining room means better appetites and better digestion.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE—DRIVER CAUGHT UNDER IT

J. D. Pierce, enroute to Curry, met with quite an accident when his car turned completely over and fastened J. D. under it, but he was rescued at once by Ed. Terry and H. Bryant. J. D. escaped with several bruises and the car, well, it shows that it has seen better days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Williams entertained a number of friends last Wednesday evening in honor of their little son, Allen's 11th birthday. The evening was very enjoyably spent, and we trust that Allen will remember us again in just one year from that day.

We are sorry to note that the little infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dennis has been on the sick list for some time.

This community was treated to a nice little snow last week, which will help insure another good wheat crop.

Ed. Gordon who has been away for several years, was visiting and shaking hands with his many friends here last week. While here he sold his homestead to Mr. Edward Breen.

Mr. Odell who has made Oklahoma his home for the past few years, is visiting the Henderson home this week.

C. M. Keeler and son, Roger, of Tucumcari, were in our vicinity several days last week.

Mr. Adkins of Texas, stopped at Murdock a short while last Wednesday. He is now visiting friends near the Cap Rock.

C. A. Dennis, who has been threshing broom corn near Jonesville and Grady for several weeks, is back in our vicinity.

H. F. Dennis bought the C. A. Dennis homestead last week.

D. W. Brady has bought the Faulser place.

Jim Hanson has moved to the Mrs. R. S. McKenzie farm.

While R. S. Mackenzie was on his way to Kirk a few days ago his team became frightened and he was thrown from the wagon. As a result he is now nursing a bad ankle.

EMMY OF STORK'S NEST

Mary Miles Minter, who stars in "Emmy of Stork's Nest," a five part picturization of the novel by J. Breckinridge Ellis, produced for the screen by the Columbia Pictures Corporation for release in the Metro program is one of the youngest stellar actresses in pictures. She made her first appearance on the stage, at the age of seven, in "Cameo Kirby" with Nat Goodwin. After appearing in child roles in other important productions, she was selected by William and Dustin Farnum to appear in their sketch "The Littlest Rebel," and continued in the titular role when this most successful stage production was enlarged to play size. She starred in "The Littlest Rebel" four years with tremendous success. At the present she is not quite sixteen years old. Her work in motion pictures, while brief, has been remarkably popular, her first screen production with the Metro Pictures Corporation being "Always in the Way" and the second "Emmy of Stork's Nest." She has a winsome personality that fairly radiates from the screen and captures the hearts of her audiences from the moment of her entrance.

"Emmy of Stork's Nest," in which she has been selected for stellar honors, offers an unusual vehicle for the flower-like loveliness of little Miss Minter. As a Missouri mountain girl, who first scoffs at and then falls madly in love with a city chap, who, however, proves worthy of her affection, she registers one of the most delightful and alluring characterizations of her short screen career. "Emmy of Stork's Nest" will be seen here at the New tomorrow night.

BARTON-JACOBSON

Miss Clarabelle Jacobson and Eustace K. Barton were married at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev. J. F. Williams in the parlors of the First Baptist church. The couple were attended by the bride's mother, Mrs. T. A. Murphy, the groom's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton, Frank Meyer of El Paso and Miss Elsie Halbyus of San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Barton is connected with the El Paso & Southwestern system. They will make their future home in Tucumcari.—El Paso Herald.

QUAY COUNTY TREASURER ESTABLISHES A RECORD

Paul A. Hall, assistant traveling auditor, who returned here a few days ago from Tucumcari, states that the treasurer of Quay county has already issued more than 7,800 1914 tax receipts. This is believed to establish a record, and is accounted for by the great number of small holdings in Quay county. Treasurer L. G. Pearson and one deputy handle the work of the office.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

SPECIAL INVITATION

Dear Friend: I have the pleasure of announcing the Christmas Exercises of the Center Street Methodist Sunday school, Friday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1915, at seven o'clock.

Members of the school and their friends are invited to be present. Cordially yours, E. F. BROWN, Supt.

REED HOLLOWMAN CHOSEN PRESIDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Reed Hollowman, of Santa Fe, was elected president, and Francis C. Wilson, of this city, one of the vice-presidents, of the State Bar association at its annual meeting in Albuquerque yesterday. Santa Fe was chosen for next year's meeting. The complete list of officers follows:

President, Reed Hollowman, of Santa Fe; vice presidents, Francis C. Wilson of Santa Fe, C. M. Botts of Albuquerque, Herbert B. Holt of Las Cruces, W. J. Lucas of Las Vegas, John W. Armstrong of Carlsbad, W. B. Walton of Silver City, James G. Fitch of Socorro, and D. H. Leahy of Vegas. Mrs. Nellie Brewer Pearce was unanimously elected to succeed herself as secretary and treasurer.

In his annual address, the retiring president, M. E. Hickey, brought up the question of the appointment of a public defender to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases. In the discussion that followed George S. Klock, A. B. McMillen, Neil B. Field, Francis C. Wilson, Laurence F. Lee and Chief Justice Clarence J. Roberts took part. Judge Roberts favored the plan of letting the accused select his own attorney and allowing a reasonable fee to the attorney for his services, payable from the public exchequer. He declared this would be more economical and more satisfactory from every standpoint.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

George M. and Mary A. Smith of Tucumcari, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Friday, December 17, 1915, at their home in the west part of town.

Mr. Smith is 72 years of age and Mrs. Smith 68. They had four children, all of whom are living and were present—three sons and one daughter—Jesse B. Smith of Tucumcari, Melissa A. Stewart of West Fork, Ark. Hiram L. Smith of Scranton, Iowa; J. W. Smith of Boscebel, Wis.

They have twenty-one grand children and eight great grand children. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have lived in Tucumcari, N. M., six years. They came here to visit their son Jesse and had such good health have remained ever since. Mr. Smith is still hale and hearty and able to do a good day's work, yet he is getting his second old age, being able to read without glasses.

Those that attended the turkey dinner were J. W., wife and son; Hiram L., and wife; Mrs. Melissa Stewart and son, Earl; Jesse B. wife and one daughter and two sons.

CENTER ST. METHODIST CHURCH

The Sunday school will have a short program and Christmas tree at the church Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The services for next Sunday are as follows: Sunday school 9:40 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

At the morning service the choir will render a beautiful anthem, "Peace On Earth," and the male quartette will sing "Hark! What Mean These Holy Voices?" Geo. H. McNally, Pastor.

RAILROAD NOTES

Switchman Baum is wearing an enormous smile these days. Engineer W. Watkins has been laying off for a trip.

Engineer Tony Scherrer made a trip on the main line the first of this week. Engineer Handibo is on the sick list. Fireman Ramsdale is laying off for a few trips.

Fireman C. A. Smith is spending Christmas with his parents at Pratt, Kansas.

Engineer J. D. Lockett is holding passenger for a few trips.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Masonic blue lodge elected new officers at the regular meeting Monday night, which were as follows:

E. B. Jones, W. M. H. L. Boon, S. W. O. E. Brown, J. W. C. E. Catterson, S. D. R. P. Donohoe, J. D. L. L. Ernst, Treasurer. A. F. Codington, Secretary. Arthur Goldenberg, S. Steward J. T. Morton, J. Steward S. H. McElroy, Tyler.

ENTERTAINED

On the afternoon of December 20th Mrs. O. E. Brown delightfully entertained a number of ladies at bridge and embroidery. On the evening of December 21st, Dr. and Mrs. Brown entertained a number of their friends at nine tables of Auction.

The decorations were of evergreen, and the spirit of Yule-tide was very much enjoyed by all. A two-course luncheon was served, after which, each guest was presented with a dainty sprig of Mistletoe.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have made Homestead Entry of 320 acres for S½ SE¼ Sec. 18, NW¼ SE¼, W¼ NE¼ E½ NW¼ and NE¼ SW¼ Sec. 19 township 10 north, range 30 east N. M. P. Meridian, on Cedar Mt. and anyone cutting wood or posts on same will be prosecuted. Lewis Floyd Walker.

640-ACRE HOMESTEAD ACT

Judge Cutlip takes up the matter of putting it up to the Senators of his old home state to assist in passing the 640-acre homestead bill. He gets eloquent in his appeal because of the fact that the last legislature made it unlawful to hunt rabbit or prairie-dog without license, therefore if we are not allowed to eat this kind of food, we must have more grass. Following are the letters:

December 21, 1915

Hon. Adam B. Littlepage, M. C. Washington, D. C.

Dear Adam:— Since leaving West Virginia, I have been elected to the Judgeship of one of the greatest counties in the greatest state in the Union, while you have elevated to the Congress of the United States.

I find that we homesteaders here are greatly in need of an addition to our homesteads to enable us to properly maintain and support our families.

There is a Bill pending before the Congress, introduced by the Hon. H. B. Fergusson, deceased, formerly representative from this State, giving to each homesteader, an additional 320 acres, known as the Enlarged Grazing Homestead Act. It passed the lower House at the last Session of Congress went to the Senate and was there, reported by their Committee, favorable, that they suspend all rules and pass the same at once, but I understand that, perhaps our senators from this State objected, and it could not take that course. Will you kindly call Senator Chilton's attention to this and see our representatives generally, from your State and get this Law passed for us at this Session of Congress, for we have been living on Jack Rabbits and prairie dogs for a number of years but they were protected by a very strenuous act of the last Republican legislature of this State, which deprives us of our meat and we must have more grass to enable us to exist. You remember at the last State Convention, before I left West Virginia, I was one of your most enthusiastic supporters for Governor, and I want you to stand as true and faithful for the homesteaders of this country, who are my friends, as I did for your nomination for Governor.

Please let me hear from you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but insisting above all things, that you see to it that this law is passed.

Yours very truly,

J. D. Cutlip.

December 21, 1915

Hon. Hunter H. Moss, Jr., M. C. Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge:—

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I want to again ask you to kindly look after our interests with reference to the 640-acre Grazing Homestead Bill, formerly introduced by Congressman Fergusson. You remember that I was writing you during the last session of Congress with reference to this bill.

We people in this western, semi-arid country are very much in need of such a law as that Bill provides, if passed, as there is a great deal of the area here that is of such nature that it requires as much as 640 acres to enable a family to exist from the revenue off same. This of course, may sound strange to most eastern men, who are familiar with the rich, productive land in the eastern and central states, but it is a fact with us that even 320 acres in various districts here, will not afford sufficient revenue for the proper maintenance of a family. Stock raising is a lucrative occupation here, but a man must have sufficient range to properly care for a sufficient number of cattle to enable him to live.

Many people come here for Homesteads, who are not financially able to purchase lands, aside from the acreage that they are allowed by the present Homestead Laws, to enable them to maintain themselves, and the proposed 640 acre law will be desired and needed by them.

I hope that you will lend your aid to the enactment of such a Bill that will fulfill the need in evidence, in many of our humble homes.

May I hear from you in reference to this matter.

Yours for the Cause,

J. D. Cutlip.

HUTCHINSON REFUSES OFFER

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 23.—R. F. Hutchinson, director of physical education and coach at the State University of New Mexico, has refused an offer from Perdue university, his alma mater, to become Perdue's basketball coach and assistant baseball coach at an advanced salary, in order to remain at the New Mexico institution. This became known here today following a meeting of the University board of Regents when it was announced definitely that Hutchinson would remain in New Mexico. Hutchinson established the present system of required physical condition in the University of New Mexico and has refused several advantageous offers from colleges during the past three years, preferring to stay here and work out the system he has begun. He is very popular not only with students but with the people generally, and is regarded as one of the soundest athletic instructors in the west.

RILEY OUT ON BOND; ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Bill Riley, who was sentenced during the last term of court to five years in the state penitentiary for theft of cattle, was arrested this morning on the charge of stealing a set of harness from Mr. Humphries who lives south of Hanley.

Riley was out on bond, having appealed his case to the higher court and was seen in a local wagon yard yesterday. A search warrant was issued and Fred White and E. E. Winter went out to his place in the southeast part of town and found the harness in two trunks in Riley's house.

Riley said he did not know how they came to be there but he was taken in to custody and placed in the county jail.

Mr. Humphries did not miss the harness until this morning when he desired to hitch up his team and go home. He positively identified the harness and was glad to find them so soon.

STORIES OF THE WEST

In the history of the stage, it is a significant fact, that plays dealing with the early days of the West have been the most successful. The subject instead of becoming tiresome, seems to grow in popularity. Many of our most popular authors choose this ever-delightful topic and one can hardly pick up a magazine without finding one or more stories of cowboy life.

Oscar Graham, who has made so splendid a reputation as the young college bred Indian in "A Prince of His Race" knew very well that in writing and producing "Circle C. Ranch," he not only chose a popular subject, but a subject that needed unconventional treatment. As the author of "A Prince of His Race" he showed his originality in that he created a play different from anything ever before witnessed, and one that was and is hailed as a perfect gem of dramatic literature. In just the same manner he has succeeded with "Circle C. Ranch," in turning out a play vastly different from others of its kind, perfect in construction, absorbing in interest, clean, wholesome and moral. A feature of the play is the clever work of a highly educated shepherd dog whose part is one of the most important of all. The company carries a full equipment of scenery for each act. "Circle C. Ranch" will be seen at the Opera House, Saturday, Dec. 25.

MARSHAL PICKS UP "PUG."

City Marshal Groves had the time of his life last night taking a drunk man to the lockup. The fellow was a big man and when he understood he was under arrest a tried to knock out the marshal.

Groves said Delaney, the man referred to, backed off and set himself for the fray. He was too drunk to be any judge of distance and when he swung at Groves he missed and the marshal struck him on the head with his gun. Delaney paid no attention to the blow and tried once more to land but missed again and Groves struck him again with the gun. At this juncture Delaney pulled a knife and Groves threatened to shoot him if he tried to use it. The big prize-fighter wilted at the sight of the cocked-gun and allowed himself taken to the calaboose, but would not throw the knife away until they reached the door when he threw it down on the ground. He claims to be a pugilist and those who saw him perform last night while he was drunk, have no doubts that he would make a good "doubt hope." An investigation this morning shows the blows from the marshal's gun on Delaney's head, only produced a few little scratches.

Another fight occurred in one of the saloons last night when J. B. Beatty of Clayton, N. M., tried to whip a bar tender. The bar tender proved to be somewhat of a scrapper and stamped his opponent with a black eye and a few other marks.

"A SOLDIER OF JAPAN"

The engagement of Oscar Graham and his company which is to be at the Masonic Opera House Friday, December 24th is one which is always anticipated with pleasure, for no company that comes here is more generally liked and appreciated than these talented artists. This company remains practically the same in personnel year after year and coming here each year as they do, they have made many friends who anticipate their arrival with much pleasure. Each year they strive to do even better work than the preceding year; that is why Mr. Graham's productions have always been so thoroughly satisfying. Indeed, it is a pleasure to be able to attend a performance and know beforehand that one is going to, so to speak, renew old and tried acquaintanceship, to know that across the footlights are people who are thoroughly in earnest in their endeavors to please and whom we are glad to have with us. "A Soldier of Japan" is the play Oscar Graham is presenting this year. It is safe to say that it will be thoroughly worth while.